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The sisters of the Community of St. Francis have lived and worked out of St. Francis House in the Mission District of San Francisco since 1974. The chapel at St. Francis House is the center of our worship life, which includes the daily office (morning prayer, noonday prayer, evening prayer and compline), the Eucharist on Tuesday through Friday, and times of private prayer and meditation. Guests are welcome to join us for morning Eucharist from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. and breakfast. St. Francis House has a guest apartment available for people looking for a place of retreat and quiet, or in need of accommodations for a time of rest, recreation or education in the San Francisco area. Beginning in 2016 the Sisters will be offering a program called "Companions in Franciscan Spirituality." This structured program of 3-4 weeks involves guests living at St. Francis House, studying Franciscan spirituality and living out that spirituality by sharing in our community life, worship and ministry in the church and wider community.

The sisters go out from St. Francis House into the city of San Francisco where we have engaged in many types of ministries over the years, but with special concern for the poor, the marginalized, and the sick. Currently we are involved with ministry at Holy Innocents Church and St. Francis Church in San Francisco as well as Open Cathedral, the Night Ministry's outdoor Sunday Eucharist at Civic Center.

In addition to congregational involvements, Sr. Pamela Clare serves on the Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains and teaches Social Ministry at the School for Deacons. Srs. Maggie and Pamela Clare are co-facilitators for the annual Advent Quiet Days at the Bishop's Ranch. Sr. Ruth is the founder and resident director of The Family Link, a hospitality ministry which this year celebrates its 30th anniversary of providing affordable accommodations and support for families visiting loved ones with life-threatening medical conditions. The work began during the AIDS crisis of the 1980s and now welcomes families of people with AIDS and cancer, people in need of organ transplants, and those who have suffered serious injuries from accidents. The sisters are also engaged in ministry with Martin de Porres House of Hospitality, a Catholic Worker soup kitchen, the Care Through Touch Institute, which offers free healing massage for homeless and marginalized people, and participate regularly in peace and justice work. The Care Through Touch Institute provides the opportunity each Holy Week for volunteers to learn a simple form of foot massage and on Maundy Thursday to participate in a mass foot massage event around the Tenderloin in San Francisco. Contact Sr. Pamela Clare if you are interested.

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